

NEBRASKA STATE BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING
MINUTES – November 19, 2018

ATTENDANCE NOTIFICATION. A regular meeting of the State Board of Health was called to order by the Chair, Diane Jackson, APRN, at 1:00 PM on November 19, 2018 in Conference Room C of the Nebraska State Office Building in Lincoln. Copies of the agenda were mailed to board members, news media, and other interested parties prior to the meeting, and posted on the Health and Human Services website. The following members were present: Joel Bessmer, MD; Kevin Borchert, PharmD, RP; Shane Fleming, MSN, RN; Michael Hansen, FACHE; Russell Hopp, DO; Diane Jackson, APRN; Kevin Low, DDS; Debra Parsow; Wayne Stuber, PhD, PT; Travis Teeter, MD; Doug Vander Broek, DC; and Joshua Vest, DPM. Quorum met.
Members not in attendance: Brian Brightman, OD; Teresa Konda, PE; Tony Moravec, DVM; Jeromy Warner, PsyD, LP
Staff attending: Ron Briel, Matt Gelvin, Monica Gissler, Marla Scheer

APPROVAL OF AGENDA. Ms. Jackson asked if there were any changes to the agenda for the meeting today. Dr. Warner made a motion to approve the revised agenda, seconded by Dr. Stuber; voting yes: 12 (Bessmer, Borchert, Fleming, Hansen, Hopp, Jackson, Low, Parsow, Stuber, Teeter, Vander Broek, Vest); voting no: 0; not voting: 0. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES. Ms. Jackson asked if there were any changes to the minutes from the September 17, 2018 meeting. Dr. Low made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Dr. Warner, voting yes: 12 (Bessmer, Borchert, Fleming, Hansen, Hopp, Jackson, Low, Parsow, Stuber, Teeter, Vander Broek, Vest); voting no: 0; not voting: 0. Motion carried.

Credentialing Review (407) Committee – Ms. Parsow, Committee Chair, presented.

1. The Committee reviewed an Application for CR Pool Membership from Kristin McLarty of UNMC.
2. There is an upcoming review on Art Therapy. Regarding the Composition of the Art Therapy Technical Review Committee (TRC), the following pool members are recommended:

Health Professionals

- Liane Connelly, PhD, RN, NEA-BC, from Norfolk
- Benjamin Greenfield, Perfusionist, from Hickman
- Brandon Holt, BSRT (ARRT), from Kearney

Public Members

- Jennifer Dreibelbis, Grants Administrator, NE Arts Council, from Omaha
- Su Eells, from Lincoln
- Karen Jones, from Elkhorn
- Michael O'hara, JD, PhD. from Omaha

- Corrinne Pedersen, from Lincoln
- Thomas Victor, from Omaha

Dr. Low volunteered to serve as the Board of Health member to Chair the Technical Review Committee. Ms. Parsow made a Committee motion to forward the recommendations for membership to the Interim Director. Call for vote on motion to approve - voting yes: 12 (Bessmer, Borchert, Fleming, Hansen, Hopp, Low, Jackson, Parsow, Stuberg, Teetor, Vander Broek, Vest); voting no: 0; not voting: 0. Motion carried.

3. Presentation of the Annual Credentialing Review Committee Report for 2018.
4. Ms. Parsow had to leave the meeting at this time.

Credentialing Review website: http://dhhs.ne.gov/Pages/reg_admcr.aspx.

PUBLIC HEALTH UPDATE – SUSAN STROHN, JD, DEPUTY DIRECTOR.

DHHS received additional \$10.9 million for opioid prevention and response

- DHHS is at the forefront of providing tools to support the reduction of prescription drug addictions and overdoses.
- DHHS was just awarded several federal grants that will expand the department's opioid and prevention treatment programs.
- Our DHHS Division of Behavioral Health was awarded \$8 million from the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration.
- The funding will:
 - Sustain existing BH prevention, treatment and recovery efforts such as naloxone kit distribution, funding for Medication-Assisted Treatment (MAT), and training clinicians on how to work with and provide treatment for people who have a substance use disorder.
 - Behavioral Health also plans to fund supported housing for those in recovery from substance use disorders.
- The Division of Public Health received almost three million in grants from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the U.S. Dept. of Justice.
- The funding will be used to scale-up prevention and response activities including:
 - **Conducting needs assessments** - DHHS will use the funding to conduct needs assessments for first responders and hospitals to help determine overall capacity for responding to opioid overdoses.
 - **Increasing education and training** – Additional opportunities for prescribers in high-need areas to receive training on using the prescription drug monitoring program, naloxone and the Pain Management Guidance document.
 - **Enhancing public health surveillance** – Combine emergency medical services and Poison Control Center data to allow access and analysis more quickly.
 - **Developing a crisis response plan** – A resource guide that can be used at the state and local level that will provide a roadmap and resources if

Nebraska sees a dramatic increase in opioid overdoses and overdose deaths.

- **Enhancing Nebraska's Prescription Drug Monitoring Program** - adding a patient dashboard for providers and an alert to notify providers of a patient's increased risk for opioid-related adverse events.
- A standing order for Naloxone was issued to help facilitate access to the lifesaving drug for family members and friends who may assist in an opioid overdose emergency.
- We're seeing an uptick in the use of naloxone.

AHT/SBS Hospital Champions

- In July we launched the Abusive Head Trauma/Shaken Baby Syndrome prevention portion of the Nebraska Safe Babies campaign.
- It's a joint effort between DHHS, the Nebraska Hospital Association, the Nebraska Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics, the Nebraska Perinatal Quality Improvement Collaborative, and the Brain Injury Alliance of Nebraska.
- The campaign consists of a five-step plan aimed at getting its AHT/SBS prevention message to the parents of more than 26,500 newborns across the state each year.
 1. Hospital signs a pledge,
 2. Creates or updates an AHT/SBS policy,
 3. Provides yearly education to hospital personnel,
 4. Educates parents with evidence-based AHT/SBS materials, and
 5. Incorporates The Crying Plan into post-discharge patient calls
- This transformative initiative helps new parents learn how to handle the stresses that come with parenthood. Parents having access to education and resources can make a life-changing difference for a baby.
- As of now, nine hospitals have achieved champion status and another 22 have pledged to become champions.
- DHHS will announce additional hospital champions in the coming months.

BH Toolkit for Schools

- New behavioral health resource for Nebraska schools was just announced last week.
- It's the Behavioral Health Resources for Schools toolkit.
- Schools and other educational organizations across the state are in a unique position to help connect students and their families to behavioral health services.
- The toolkit highlights the numerous services available to Nebraska students and it's been rolled out to schools across the state.
- DHHS collaborated with the Dept. of Education on the toolkit. The toolkit is available on both DHHS and Dept. of Education websites.

LICENSURE UNIT UPDATE – BECKY WISELL, ADMINISTRATOR.

- The Policy Research Office asked us to create a Uniform Credentialing Act template chapter for Regulations.

- Process Improvement Plan – for Nurse license processing, the goal is to complete a license within 48 days. There are fewer steps, making the overall process 20% faster. The course and payment are both online. Surveys show there is 90% satisfaction with the new process.
- Military spouse – The new brochure was distributed. There are now links on the website, and added information to the license application form.
- LB299 created a pathway to apply for a credential and seek a preliminary review of criminal convictions.

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT. Ms. Jackson, Chair, reported the following:

1. Professional board meeting attendance:

Dr. Vander Broek attended the November 15th Board of Chiropractic meeting.

2. Staff changes at the Division of Public Health continue.

- Mark Luger has accepted the position of Program Manager for the Office of Behavioral Health and DD Facilities and Services.

3. Election of Board of Health officers will be held at the end of this meeting.

4. New committee preference forms for 2019 were due to Monica by today. They will be effective for the January meeting.

5. Bo Botelho, Chief Operating Officer & General Counsel, is filling in as DHHS CEO.

6. January 28th is our Legislative Luncheon. Make sure you come prepared with cash that day. Details will be emailed out.

COMMITTEE REPORTS.

Rules and Regulations Committee – Mr. Hansen, Committee Chair, reported.

- Review Title 181 Nebraska Administrative Code 5, Consent for Predictive Genetic Testing – Repeal – Julie Luedtke. The forms and process from the current regulations are burdensome and ineffective at helping to inform patients about testing. By repealing the regulations, we can post the consent form and informational pamphlet on the DHHS website, and easily update them. A public hearing was held on October 5, 2018, and no opposing testimony was received.
- Review Title 183 Nebraska Administrative Code 2 and repeal of NAC 7, Cancer and Smoking Disease Research Program – Monica Pribil. These regulations govern contracts and grants for cancer and smoking disease research and implement Neb. Rev. Stats. §§ 81-637 through 81-640 by establishing an application process, criteria for the eligible applicants to receive funding, and criteria for the rates and amount of funding, and combine two sets of regulations into one. They impact researchers and

administrators at the University of Nebraska and other postsecondary institutions having colleges of medicine located in Nebraska. Practices that have been in place for several years will now be put into regulation. The regulations have not been updated since the early 1990s.

During the re-write process, input was sought and incorporated as appropriate from sponsored program administrators at the University of Nebraska and Creighton University. A public hearing was held on October 3, 2018. No one from the public appeared at the hearing and no comments were received.

- The UCA Regulation Status Report was shared.
- Presentation of the Rules and Regulations Committee Annual Report.

Professional Boards Committee. Dr. Hopp, Committee Vice Chair, reported.

The Committee interviewed six applicants this morning. The following individuals were appointed, most with terms through November 30, 2023, unless indicated otherwise, followed by their hometown:

Board of Medical Radiography
Jill Wild, RT – Limited Radiographer

Board of Medicine and Surgery
Jodi Hedrick, DO – Osteopathic Physician

Board of Nursing
Rita Thalken* and Tag Herbek, JD – Public Members

Board of Nursing Home Administration
Linda Bryant – Public Member

Board of Registered Environmental Health Specialists
Nathan Hartman, REHS – Lincoln

* Indicates incumbent

There are 54 planned professional board interviews for 2019.

Dr. Warner made a Committee motion to appoint these individuals: Call for vote on motion to approve - voting yes: 11 (Bessmer, Borchert, Fleming, Hansen, Hopp, Low, Jackson, Stuber, Teeter, Vander Broek, Vest); voting no: 0; not voting: 0. Motion carried.

More information is available on the Vacancy website, for current and upcoming vacancies: <http://dhhs.ne.gov/publichealth/pages/BoardReqVac.aspx>

Public Health, Education and Legislation Committee: Mr. Fleming, Committee Vice Chair, reported. They discussed the status of legislative bills.

Legislative Luncheon – will be held on January 28, 2019 near the Capital Building. Board members will pay for their own meals, and share the cost for invited legislative guests. DHHS staff will pay for their own meals. All newly elected senators will be invited, regardless of committee assignment.

PHEL Conference Call – January 24, 2019 in the afternoon. The exact time will be set by the new PHEL Committee Chair.

Approval of Committee Reports. Dr. Teetor made a motion to approve the Committee Reports, with a second by Mr. Fleming. Call for vote on motion to approve - voting yes: 10 (Bessmer, Borchert, Fleming, Hansen, Hopp, Jackson, Stuberger, Teetor, Vander Broek, Vest); voting no: 0; not voting: 1 (Low). Motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

- Conflict of Interest Policies and Statutes – Teresa Hampton, DHHS Legal was unable to attend, so this item will carry over.

NEW BUSINESS.

- TeleStewardship by MD Stewardship and Bryan Telemedicine
Antimicrobial Stewardship Programs (ASPs) – Dr. John Horne at 2:00 PM
- Presentation on Licensee Discipline – Matt Gelvin, Anna Harrison, Juan Ramirez
- Comments from the Public
- Election of Officers for 2019. Nominations were opened up:
 - Chair – Dr. Teetor was nominated.
 - Vice Chair – Dr. Stuberger was nominated
 - Secretary – Dr. Borchert was nominatedAll nominations were accepted. As there was only one candidate per office, there was one motion for all three positions. Call for vote on motion to approve - voting yes: 11 (Bessmer, Borchert, Fleming, Hansen, Hopp, Low, Jackson, Stuberger, Teetor, Vander Broek, Vest); voting no: 0; not voting: 0. Motion carried.
Congratulations to the 2019 Board of Health officers!

PUBLIC COMMENTS. None.

PREPARATION FOR NEXT MEETING. The next regular Board of Health meeting will be January 28, 2019 in the 1526 K Street Building, conference room 4D.

ADJOURN. There being no further business, Dr. Hopp made a motion to adjourn, with a second by Dr. Teetor, all in favor by voice vote. The meeting adjourned at 3:18 PM. Minutes were taken by Monica Gissler.
These minutes were approved by the State Board of Health on January 28, 2019.

- Board of Health meeting dates for 2019:
January 28
March 18
June 17
September 16
November 18

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